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SUBJ: DAOUD AND BHUTTO LETTERS TO UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM

REF: KABUL 1525, USUN 816

1. SUMMARY: AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL STEP OF PRINTING FULL TEXTS OF LETTERS PRESIDENT DAOUD HAS SENT USSEC GEN WALDHEIM AND PAK PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAS SENT WALDHEIM IN REFUTATION. DAOUD SERIES CONTAINS GENERALLY WELL KNOWN ASSERTIONS REGARDING PUSHTUNISTAN AND BALUCHISTAN, AND ALSO CONTAINS ACCUSATION PAKISTAN HAS SOUGHT OVERTHROW OF AFGHAN REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT. LETTERS ALSO CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION INSIDE PAKISTAN. END SUMMARY.

2. KABUL TIMES AND VERNACULAR PRESS ON MARCH 30 AND 31 PUBLISHED A SERIES OF LETTERS PRESIDENT DAOUD WROTE TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM AND OTHER LETTERS IN REFUTATION OF THESE SENT WALDHEIM BY PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO.

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3. THIS SERIES ORIGINATED WHEN DAOUD WROTE WALDHEIM ON

SEPTEMBER 7, 1974, A LETTER SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AS UN DOCUMENT PO 240. LETTERS JUST PUBLISHED HERE CONSISTED OF BHUTTO'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 1, 1974 (PUBLISHED AT UN APPARENTLY IN TANDEM WITH DAOUD LETTER ALSO AS PO 240) REPLYING TO DAOUD'S ALLEGATIONS, A SECOND LETTER BY DAOUD DATED NOVEMBER 27, 1974 IN WHICH HE REFUTES ASSERTIONS OF BHUTTO LETTER, A SECOND BHUTTO LETTER DATED JANUARY 20, 1975, AND A THIRD DAOUD LETTER DATED MARCH 2, 1975.

4. FATE OF LETTERS SUBSEQUENT TO FIRST ROUND (DAOUD SEPT. 7, BHUTTO OCTOBER 1, WHICH WERE APPARENTLY CIRCULATED AT UN) SEEMS UNCERTAIN. WHEN KABUL REPORTED MARCH 11 (KABUL 1525) LOCAL PRESS STORIES THAT DAOUD HAD WRITTEN WALDHEIM CONCERNING CONTINUING INFLUX OF BALUCHI REFUGEES INTO AFGHANISTAN (REVIEW OF JUST PUBLISHED TEXT DEMONSTRATES THIS WAS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SUBJECTS TREATED) U.S. MISSION IN NEW YORK REPLIED (USUN 816) THAT NEITHER UN SECRETARIAT NOR AFGHAN MISSION HAD YET HEARD OF LETTER. WE WONDER WHETHER IT POSSIBLE LETTERS SUBSEQUENT TO FIRST EXCHANGES REPOSE IN SOME UN SECRETARIAT "HOLD-FILE" WALDHEIM IN-BOX, PERHAPS OUT OF UNWILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW USE OF SECGEN OFFICE FOR WHAT MAY APEER IN NEW YORK A STERILE DIALOGUE BETWEEN NEIGHBORING LEADERS.

5. NO EXPLANATION GIVEN BY NEWSPAPERS FOR CHOOSING THIS TIME TO PUBLISH CORRESPONDENCE EXCHANGED BETWEEN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR AND MARCH 2, 1975. IN ANSWER TO EMBASSY INQUIRY, MFA INFORMATION OFFICER CITED MERELY "NEED TO KEEP THE PUBLIC RECORD STRAIGHT."

6. THREE DAOUD LETTERS ARE ESSENTIALLY STATEMENTS OF WELL-KNOWN AFGHAN VIEWS ON BALUCHISTAN-PUSHTUNISTAN. NOV. 27 LETTER CONTAINS STRONG ACCUSATION PAKISTAN ORGANIZED ATTEMPTS TO OVERTHROW AFGHANISTAN'S REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT, AND MARCH 2 LETTER STATES AFGHANISTAN PREPARED TO "PRESENT DOCUMENTARY PROOF" OF PAKISTAN'S "INTERFERING IN OUR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS." FIRST (SEPT 7) LETTER CALLED FOR A "MIXED AND COMPETENT MISSION TO BE DESPATCHED TO THE AREA IN ORDER THOROUGHLY TO ASSESS THE ALARMING SITUATION (IN BALUCHISTAN) FROM THE HUMANITARIAN VIEWPOINT AND THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN

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DIGNITY." MARCH 2 LETTER REITERATED "PROPOSAL TO SET UP NEUTRAL FACT-FINDING MISSION" ADDING THAT SUCH A MISSION WELCOME TO VISIT (AND THEREBY VERIFY) BALUCHI REFUGEE CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN.

7. TEXT OF DAOUD AND BHUTTO LETTERS AS PUBLISHED HERE POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.  
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